in consideration of or return for the referring, recommending or procuring of any patient for medical, surgical or other treatment. A physician shall not directly or indirectly, participate in or be a party to act of division, transference, assignment, subordination, rebating, splitting or refunding of any fee for medical, surgical or other treatment. If specific complaints are brought up before the Council the same will be referred to the State Medical Council concerned with which the doctor is registered or in case of those directly registered with the Medical Council of India, action will be taken by the Ethical Committee of the Council after necessary inquiries.

Typhoid and Rabies vaccine

1571. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that outdated vaccines for typhoid and rabies are being sold in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that production of cell killed typhoid vaccine was stopped by Government but it is still continuing in CRI, Kasauli and Haffkine Bio-Pharmaceutical Corporation, Mumbai; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Only Ty.21a Typhoid Vaccine and Polysaccharide Typhoid vaccine for typhoid are being sold in the country, whereas, two types of vaccines, namely Neural Tissue Vaccine (NTV) and Tissue Culture Anti Rabies Vaccine (TCARV) to prevent rabies are being sold in the country. In view of WHOs recommendations to prefer the use of TCARV, a decision has been taken to phase out NTV gradually.

(c) and (d) It is a fact that the production of whole cell killed typhoid vaccine was stopped by the Government in 1996. However, due to the pressing demand of this cost effective typhoid vaccine for the Army troops and their families, it was decided in 2002 for limited production of Acetone killed typhoid vaccine at CRI, Kasauli

and Haffkine Bio-Pharmaceutical Corporation (HBPCL). Mumbai to meet the requirement of Armed Forces only.

Banned blood banks

1572. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the blood banks in various States, particularly in Andhra Pradesh whose licences were cancelled, for violation of conditions of licence, during the year 2002-03; and

(b) the measures proposed to be taken by Government to keep the blood banks under strict monitoring?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) A Statement is attached as enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) The State Drugs Control Authorities inspect the blood banks regularly so as to ensure that the blood banks adhere to and continue to comply with the conditions of licence as stipulated under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules.

Statement

Blood banks whose licences were cancelled during 2002-03

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Name of the Blood Bank
1.	Andhra Pradesh*	Institute of Transfusion Medicine & Research Centre, Hyderabad
2.		Medicare Blood Bank, Hyderabad
3.		Sita Rama Voluntary Blood Bank, Vishakapatnam
4.		Sivani Blood Bank, Vijayawada